

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-13 and 20-23 are pending. Claims 1 and 20 are amended, and claim 3 is cancelled with this supplemental response. The applicants note with appreciation the previous indication of allowable subject matter. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

I. SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

An interview was conducted with the Examiner on November 3, 2009, in which it was indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if amended to address a Section 101 issue, and incorporate the subject matter of claim 3. Claim 1 is amended herein to address the Section 101 issue, and incorporate the subject matter of claim 3. Therefore claim 1 and its associated depending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In addition, it was communicated to the applicant that claim 20 was provisionally allowable, subject to some clarity objections relating to a functional connection being provided between several of the recited acts. Claim 20 has been amended to address the highlighted issue, and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

II. CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, the claims currently under consideration are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, AMDP755US.

Respectfully submitted,
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